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VIRGINIA IN 1676-77.**BACON'S REBELLION***

(Abstracts by W. N. SAINSBURY, and copies in the McDonald and De Jarnette Papers, Virginia State Library.)

(Continued.)

ACCOUNT OF TOBACCO IMPORT
(Abstract)

June, 1676

The public account of the Impost of 2s per hogshead upon tobacco exported from Virginia.—that is the Dr. account being the payments made thereof to the Governor of the Colony and other Officers for Salaries &c. Total £2377 .6 .5. Copy Certified by Robert Beverley.

(Colonial Papers. 2 pp.)

Another copy is entered in Col. Entry Bk. No. 80. pp. 168-171.

SHIP'S INVOICE
(Abstract)

July 20, 1676

Invoice of Goods and Servants aboard the Richard and Elizabeth, Nicholas Pym, Master, for Virginia for the account of [Alderman] Richard Booth and Samuel Story of Sam: Claphamson, William Hunt and William Paggen.

(Colonial Papers. 7. pp.)

*-Much valuable material for the history of Bacon's Rebellion has already been published in this Magazine. For a list of these and other published documents on this subject see the Appendix to "The Story of Bacon's Rebellion." (New York, 1907).

July-Aug., 1676

WARRANTS FROM COLONEL THOMAS BALLARD* FOR PRESSING
MEN AND PROVISIONS FOR NATHANIEL BACON'S SERVICE
[Indorsed]

The several warrants bear date July 6, July 10, and August 25, 1676 which was near a month after Sir William Berkeley left his house. Young was hanged for executing these warrants and commanding the Company which he was compelled to by Colonel Ballard, Colonel of the County.

(Colonial Papers. 4. pp.)

KING'S LETTER TO YE DUKE OF YORK ABOUT NATHANIEL BACON
(Copy)

Charles R,

Most dear, and most entirely beloved brother, We greet you well; It is not unknown to you that Nathaniel Bacon the Younger, hath made himself the head & leader of a rebellion in Our Colony of Virginia, highly to the Dishonour of Our royal Authority and no less to the Detriment of Our good subjects in that Colony besides the danger of the Example which, if not suppressed and punished, may spread its infection into the neighboring plantations; For prevention whereof & in Order to the due chastisement of the Authors and abettors of those traitorous and pernicious proceedings in our said Colony of Virginia, We have thought fit to signify our pleasure unto you that if the Said Nathaniel Bacon or any of his Accomplices or abettors in that Rebellion, shall, for their safety or otherwise, retreat or resort into Yo^r Colony and Territory of New York, or into any part thereof, you cause them and every of them to be forthwith seized & secured, and that immediate notice thereof be then given to Our Governor or Deputy Governor of Virginia,

*-Thomas Ballard, of James City and York County, born 1630, buried March 24, 1689; for many years Clerk of York County. He was a Burgess for James City County, October, 1666-November, 1685; was appointed member of Council, 1670, but was removed and became a member of the House of Burgesses, of which he was speaker, 1680-82.

to the End such further course may be taken with them as the law shall require in that case. So not doubting of Yo^r Zeal and Diligence in a matter so much conducing to the public peace & the welfare of Our subjects, both in Virginia, and other Our adjacent Colonys and Plantations. We bid you most heartily farewell. Given &c. the last day of September 1676, in the 28th Year of Our reign.

To His Royal Highness the Duke of York, or Commander in chief under him of the Colony of New York in the West Indies.

By His Ma^{ties} Comand

H. Coventry,

teste

W. Davis.

KING'S LETTER TO LORD BALTIMORE ABOUT NATHANIEL BACON

(Copy)

Charles R. Right truly and Well beloved We greet you well, It is not unknown to you since it hath so long since come to our knowledge, that Nathaniel Bacon the younger hath made himself the head and leader of a rebellion in our Colony of Virginia, highly to the dishonor of Our royal Authority and no less to the detriment of our Good subjects in that Colony. And as we make no question but that you detest and (as much as in you lyes) have opposed and will oppose, such traitorous and pernicious proceedings. So we have thought fit, at this time, to signify Our pleasure unto you and hereby to require you that if the said Nath'l Bacon, or any of his Accomplices, in that rebellion, shall, for their safety or otherwise, retreat or resort into your Colony of Maryland, or into any part thereof, you cause them and every of them to be forthwith seized and secured And then give immediate notice thereof to Our Governor or Deputy Governor of Virginia, to the End such further course may be taken with

them as the law shall require in that case. So not doubting of Yo^r Zeal and diligence in this Our Service, so much conducing to the public peace and welfare of Our subjects, as well in Our said Colony of Virginia as in that of Maryland. We bid you heartily farewell. Given &c the last day of September 1676 in the 28th Year of Our reign.

To our right trusty and welbeloved, Charles Lord Baltimore proprietor of Maryland in the West Indies, or the Comander in Chief under him in that Colony.

By his Ma^{ties} Comand

H. Coventry.

PETITION OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON AND BRISTOL
(Abstract)

1676

Petition of Merchants of London, Bristol, Plymouth &c. importing tobacco and sugars from Virginia and other Plantations to the King. Set forth the inequalities of the duties paid in England and Ireland upon tobaccos imported from Virginia and pray for relief.

[Indorsed by Williamson, 1676.]

(Colonial Papers. 2 pp.)

PAPERS CONCERNING GREGORY WALKLETT
(Abstract)

[End of 1676?]

"Entry of originall Papers concerning Gregory Walklett(*) in Virginia."—

Only part of one letter to Walklett has however been entered altho' there are many leaves left blank:—in reference to his

*—After Bacon's death the remnant of his party was under command of Joseph Ingram, with Gregory Walklett as second in command. They soon surrendered to the Governor on condition that their lives be spared. This was done, but by Act of Assembly they were forbidden to hold any office in Virginia.

proposal to come into Gloster with a good troop of horse and arms, he is advised to bring them to Tindall's point and there declare for the King's Majesty, the Governor and Country, when he shall immediately be fetched on board to his Honour (? the Governor of Virginia)
(Colonial Entry Book No. 81. p. 501.)

and he will find a considerable company of resolved men ready armed to assist him, the writer of this letter amongst them.

Jan. 30, 1676-7

HUMPHREY HARWOOD TO [the Commissioners for Virginia?]
Has sent up all the sheep belonging to John Leucas according to their warrant and taken an inventory of the rest of his personal estate.
(Colonial Papers. 1. p.)

SIR JOHN BERRY TO SIR JOHN WERDEN.
(Abstract)

Feb. 2, 1676-7

Sir John Berry to Sir John Werden. The Dartmouth arrived yesterday having lost company of the fleet of Merchant ships in bad weather. Has received his Maj. Instructions by Capt. Temple but hoped to be removed hence before the sickly months of June, July &c. Sir W. Berkeley of opinion to keep the Deptford Ketch till the arrival of his Maj. forces and the meeting of the Assembly.

P. S. The Governor has upon second thoughts issued forth this day the King's printed Proclamation and has expected 18 person whose names or crimes the Commiss^{rs} do not yet know. (Mem. "This (P. S.) was designed to the Duke's Secretary, Sir John Werden, but remanded.") 3 pp.
(Colonial Entry Book No. 81. pp. 36-38)

(Abstract)

Feb. 21, 1676-7

Gov. BERKELEY TO COL. MORYSON. Has received his letter by Capt. Swann and will do as he requires him and consult with the Assembly and not only with them but with the other Commiss^{rs}. Thanks God he is so perfectly recovered that he hopes to go for England with the first ship.
(Col. Entry Book No. 81. p. 73.)

(Abstract)

Feb. 24, 1676-7

Gov. BERKELEY TO COL. MORYSON—Thinks all his Maj. Commiss^{rs} of so high a quality that he writes and stiles Col. Jeffreys and Sir John Berry Right Honorable who have not yet taken it ill neither does Berkeley while he is the King's Governor. For the word require truly he knows not whether it were desire or not.—The Burgesses are not yet half met—the Northern & those of Accomack being kept back by the weather to the Governor's great charge. "Col. Moryson, my friend, I would fain have you think me yours."
(Col. Entry Book No. 81. pp. 76-7.)

(Abstract)

Swann's Point, James City, Feb. 27, 1676-7

THE COMMISSIONERS FOR VIRGINIA TO THOMAS WATKINS—Desire, upon second thoughts, he will deliver Sec. Coventry's letter, whose Province Virginia is, in the first place and advise with him how much of its contents may be communicated to the other Ministers.

The Assembly have begun to sit and the Commissioners have prepared a letter to acquaint them with the cause and end of their coming which they will send with Answer by next conveyance.

(Col. Entry Book No. 81. pp. 95-6.)

(Abstract)

Feb., 1676-7

THE COMMISSIONERS FOR VIRGINIA TO THE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA.—As touching his Maj. desire for peace with the Indians; the sole power of peace and war are only inherent to his Maj. Royal prerogative and it is therefore to be understood that that part of the letter is not before the Council and Assembly to judge or determine whether it be fit or no, but to offer their best judgments as to what means shall safely and honorably conduce thereto "and no further are you to concern yourselves in this matter." As to the salaries of the Members of Assembly, his Maj. Instructions are peremptory in that particular they must be reduced so as to be no grievance to the Country. These two Articles to be recommended particularly to the Governor as appertaining solely to his Province. 4 pp.

(Col. Entry Book No. 81. pp. 116-119.)

(Abstract)

Swann's Point, March 6, 1676-7

THE COMMISSIONERS FOR VIRGINIA TO GOVERNOR BERKELEY. They find not only by former complaints but by Petitions this day before them that several illegal seizures have been made without any due conviction or attainder. Have more than once protested against such unwarrantable proceedings and especially for that there is no pretence or colour for such kind of practises but rather of restitution—Reasons—Hope no more clamours of this kind may surround them here nor pursue Berkeley home to England to obstruct his and their proceedings for the good of this country and give new occasions of more disturbances among the people. 3 pp.

(Col. Entry Book No. 81. pp. 120-122.)

ORDER OF PRIVY COUNCIL IN REGARD TO MONEY IN ENGLAND
BELONGING TO VIRGINIA

On the 26th of June 1677 their Lo^p^s agree, upon a report to be made His Ma^{ty} concerning Moneys raised & disposed of, by the Assembly of Virginia as follows

The Right Hon^{ble} the Lord
Privy Seal, is desired by the Lords
of the Committee for Trade and
Plantations to report, unto his Ma^{ty} in Council, that whereas
their Lordships have received informations from Virginia that a
very considerable Sum of Money raised there in the Years 16
and 16 and deposited in England for a Public Stock, to be
made use of for rewards and other expences to such as were
sent as Agents from the said Colony, for procuring a Charter
from his Ma^{ty} and other public uses, has been for the greatest
part thereof; by the late Admiralty (called while the Country
was yet remaining under great distractions and incapable of
making their elections after the usual manner) distributed and
disposed of by bills of Exchange, to uses which may prove less
agreeable to the intentions of the new Assembly, called by the
Present Governor. Their Lo^p^s are therefore most humbly of
opinion, that in regard the present condition of this Colony is
so miserable and necessitous, that the misapplication of so con-
siderable a sum of money, would be of very evil consequence
to his Ma^{ties} affairs, and re-settlement of the Country, the Treas-
urers now in England, and other persons who, by their corre-
spondences and interests are nearly concerned herein, may be
called upon and examined concerning this matter; to the End
his Ma^{ty} may be enabled to give such Orders, as to his Wisdom
shall seem meet.

The Sums of Money and Assingements are as follows, viz^t.

Green Spring, April 2d, 1677

Honoured Gentlemen,

I am commanded as Clerk of the Assembly to acquaint your
Honors that there will be several Bills of Exchange drawn upon

you for satisfaction of the Public debts to the value of two thousand eight hundred ninety five pounds, thirteen shillings and ten pence. The persons to whom the money is due do immediately require their bills and I suppose will send them for England by the first ships. You will please to honour them with acceptance and payment and according to the directions of the Order of Assembly place the same to account.

What is in Col. Parks his hands according to his Letters and accompt. to the Assembly will be drawn upon him; the rest upon M^r Secretary, for that Col. Morison hath informed, it lyes in his hands.

I am most honored gentlemen
Your most humble servant
Robert Beverley, Cl. Assemb.

77

teste
Wm. Davis.

At a grand Assembly begun at Green Spring.

February 20th, 1677

[Ordered]

That Major Robert Beverley, as clerk of the Assembly be, and is hereby impowered, to draw Bills of Exchange upon M^r Sec^y Ludwell and Co'l Daniel Parke for such sums of money as are ordered, to several persons by this Assembly. And that all such Bills as he shall draw and subscribe, as Clerk aforesaid, be punctually paid, according to the tenour of the same, by M^r Sec^y Ludwell or Co'l Daniel Parke out of the moneys in their hands, belonging to the Country and they thereof discharged accordingly. And that a copy of this Order, attested by the Clerk of the Assembly and produced with the Bills drawn, be sufficient advice of such bills and justification for payment of the same.

Robert Beverley, Cl. Assem.
teste

W. Davis.

The Copy of what I have formerly sent for advice by Capt^a Morris and Capt^a Ransom.

R. B.

At a Grand Assembly begun at Green Spring the 20th February 1676, these following Sums of Money were ordered to be paid out of the Public Moneys in England—viz^t.

	£	s.	d.
To Capt ^a George Purvis.....	4.....	0.....	0
To the Right Hon'ble S ^r W ^m . Berkley } for disbursements.....	828.....	8.....	10
To Col. Augustin Warner for disbursem ^{ts}	13.....	11.....	11
To Capt'n John Martin.....	28.....	11.....	0
To Capt'n Tho: Gardner for expence of } Provisions.....	50.....	0.....	0
To Major John Page for account of Al- } derman Jefferys.....	88.....	0.....	0
To Capt ^a John Conset.....	5.....	5.....	0
To Capt ^a Tho: Laremer.....	50.....	0.....	0
To Capt ^a Tho: Gardner.....	50.....	0.....	0
To M ^r John Clough.....	10.....	0.....	0
To Capt ^a Tho: Laremer for expence of } provisions.....	60.....	0.....	0
To the R ^t Hon'ble S ^r W ^m . Berkley Gov ^r	500.....	0.....	0
To Major William White.....	1.....	6.....	8
To Capt ^a Isaac Foxcroft.....	28.....	0.....	0
To Col. Austin Warner.....	40.....	0.....	0
To Co'l Southy Littleton.....	61.....	9.....	3
To M ^{rs} Tabitha Brown.....	15.....	11.....	8
To M ^r John Page.....	40.....	17.....	6
To Co'l Geo. Jordan.....	36.....	0.....	0
To M ^r James Tubb.....	16.....	0.....	0
To Capt ^a Daniel Juniper [Jenifer?].....	24.....	2.....	0
To Major Isaac Alverton.....	28.....	16.....	0
To Major William Spencer.....	15.....	0.....	5
To Col. Southy Littleton for Hen: Wag- } gaman.....	1.....	12.....	0
To Rob ^t Beverley.....	100.....	0.....	0
To Major Gen'l John Custis.....	350.....	14.....	0
To Major William White.....	313.....	6.....	0
To Col' Tho: Ballard.....	14.....	11.....	7

To Co'l Augustin Warner	40.....	0.....	0
To Co'l John Washington	80.....	0.....	0
Errors excepted			
Rob ^t Beverley Cl. Assemb.....	2895....	13.....	10
To M ^r Sam Wiseman, since the above s ^d } orders	5.....	0.....	0
	2900....	13.....	10

Tis possible, divers of those persons may assign their sums due or part thereof, to others. Of which, shall give intimation in the Bills of Exchange, when drawn. Please also to observe, that by several Articles, there are several sums due, to the same persons which may be included in one Bill of Exchange.

R. B. Cl. Assem.

teste

W. Davis.

Whereupon his Ma^{ty} was pleased to order as follows, viz^t.

At the Court at Whitehall 11th July, 1677
Present

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MA^{TY} IN COUNCIL.

The R^t Hon^{ble} The Lords of the Committee of this Board for Trade, having this day reported, to his Ma^{ty} in Council, that they have received information from Virginia that a very considerable sum of money raised there, in the years 1674 and 1675 and deposited in England, for a Public Stock to be made use of for rewards and other Expences to such as were sent as Agents, from the said Colony for procuring a Charter, from His Ma^{ty} and other public necessities hath been for the greatest part thereof, by the late Assembly (called while the Country was yet remaining under great distractions and incapable of making their Elections after the usual manner) distributed and disposed of, by bills of Exchange, to uses, which may prove

less agreeable to the Intentions of the New assembly, called by the present Governor; It was upon consideration thereof, and in regard the present condition of the said Colony, is so miserable and necessitous that the misapplication of so considerable a sum of money would be of very evil consequence, to his Ma^{ties} affairs and resettlement of the Country, Ordered by his Ma^{ty} in Council, that Tho. Ludwell Esq^r and Co'l Daniel Parke Treasurers for Virginia be, and they are hereby required to attend the Board concerning the matter on Friday next the 13th instant at ten of the clock in the Morning. And that in the mean time the Treasurer and all other persons who have in their hands any public Moneys of the said Colony, do forbear to dispose thereof, notwithstanding any directions, they have received from the Assembly of Virginia for that purpose.

A true Copy

teste

W. Davis.

At the Court at Whitehall 13th July, 1677

Present

The Kings most Excellent Ma^{ties} in Council.

Whereas, it hath been represented to his Ma^{ty} in Council, that a very considerable Sum of Money raised in Virginia in the years 1674 and 1675 and deposited in England for a Public Stock to be made use of for the Service of the said Colony hath been for the greatest part thereof, by the late Assembly (called while the Country was yet remaining under great distractions and incapable of making their elections after the usual manner) distributed and disposed of by Bills of Exchange to uses which may prove less agreeable to the Interests of the New Assembly, called by the present Governor. His Ma^{ty} taking the same into consideration and designing that the Moneys so collected and remaining in the Treasurer's hands shall not be employed to any other ends, than such as shall most conduce to the advantage and settlement of that Plantation did order that Thos. Ludwell Esq. & Co'l Daniel Parke Treasurers for Virginia be, and they are hereby required to forbear to issue out or dispose

of, the said Public Moneys to any Person or Persons whatsoever without receiving His Ma^{ties} Order in Council for the same.

A true Copy
teste

W. Davis.

(Abstract)

March 6, 1676-7

Petition of John Dean of James City County, Planter, to the Commis^{rs} for Virginia. Confessing & repenting of his having taken Bacon's Oath & that he has laid hold of his Maj. pardon and praying remedy against Hartwell for seizing his whole crop of tobacco.—With deposition on oath annexed.
(Colonial Papers. 2. pp.)

(Abstract)

GOV. BERKELEY TO THE COMMISS'RS FOR VIRGINIA.

May 7, 1676-7

Has received their letter with some wonder for they tell him no man's estate is to be seized for treason without conviction which he knows is contrary to all the practise of all Christendom—For this he appeals to the King & his Council & his learned Judges of the Law—Besides this be was by when the King seized the Estates of many that were in rebellion against him without conviction.—Desires them to take a List of what he has seized—The case of Alex. Walker different, he voluntarily offered it—Has seized nothing since the King's Commiss^{rs} came in and what is seized amounts not to the thirtieth part of his lost estate—Shall give the King & his Council all their admonitory letters to him.

(Col. Entry Book No. 81. pp. 123-4.)

(Abstract)

March 10, 1676-7

PETITION OF JOHN PAGE in behalf of John Jeffreys to his Maj. Commissioners for grievances—For payment of twenty pipes of wine ordered by Sir W. Berkeley for his Maj. service at the rate of £8 per pipe—with Order of Assembly thereon—

and Opinion of said Commissioners referring same to his Maj. consideration & justice.

(Colonial Papers. 3 pp.)

Copies of the above are entered in Col. Entry Book No. 80. pp. 202-5.)

(Abstract)

MEMORANDUM IN REGARD TO PETITION OF WM. CLAIBORNE.

March 13, 1676-7

Mem. [by the King's Commiss^{rs} for Virginia] that the Petition of William Claiborne, senior, being presented to them for a Grievance to be laid before his Maj. royal consideration;—they have given in the same separately as an affair which concerns a whole peculiar Province and which has heretofore been before his Maj. Royal Father and Privy Council, without any decision being made therein—It is now again humbly tendered to his Majesty to determine, and to remain under consideration till such time as the persons concerned or some sent over by the Pet^{rs} shall arrive to negotiate the same in England “which we are not empowered or concerned to do.”

(Colonial Papers.)

(Abstract)

March 13, 1676-7

REPRESENTATION OF THE COLONY AND ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA—signed by W. Claiborne—to his Maj. Commiss^{rs} for the settlement of Virginia in these troublesome times of Rebellion and General disturbances. In all time, since the dissolution of the Virginia Patent, they have received assurances under the broad seal of England and many Declarations from the then King that their estates should be conserved and in no sort prejudiced—During which time the petit^r Col. Claiborne hath been resident in Virginia and enjoyed as a Councillor and Secretary of State there, the benefits thereof. And by virtue of Commissions under his Maj. Government & seal of Virginia and by express directions from the Commissions under the broad seal of England did discover and plant the isle of Kent—From this time it continued under the government of Virginia

and men arrested at the isle of Kent for felonies &c. were returned to appear at James City—but Lord Baltemore's officers came & expelled us by force of arms several times and hanged our men without trial or just cause given; they also took away our goods, servants and cattle and displanted us at Palmer's Island, out of their limits in Susquehanah river—All this they did in spite of his Maj. commands to the contrary not to molest us.

(Colonial Papers.)

(To be Continued)